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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEVERABILITY OF THE
PROVISIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
LEGISLATION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 9-333j of the
4 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
5 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective December 31, 2006, and applicable*
6 *to elections held on or after said date*):

7 (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, in the event of a
8 surplus the campaign treasurer of a candidate committee or of a
9 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
10 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall
11 distribute or expend such surplus not later than ninety days after a
12 primary which results in the defeat of the candidate, an election or
13 referendum not held in November or by January thirty-first following

14 an election or referendum held in November, in the following manner:

15 (A) Such committees may distribute their surplus to a party
16 committee, or a political committee organized for ongoing political
17 activities, return such surplus to all contributors to the committee on a
18 prorated basis of contribution, distribute all or any part of such surplus
19 to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 or distribute
20 such surplus to any charitable organization which is a tax-exempt
21 organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
22 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
23 United States, as from time to time amended, provided (i) no candidate
24 committee may distribute such surplus to a committee which has been
25 established to finance future political campaigns of the candidate,
26 [and] (ii) a candidate committee which received moneys from the
27 Citizens' Election Fund shall distribute such surplus to such fund, and
28 (iii) a candidate committee for a nonparticipating candidate, as
29 described in subsection (b) of section 9-703, may only distribute any
30 such surplus to the Citizens' Election Fund or to a charitable
31 organization;

32 (B) Each such political committee established by an organization
33 which received its funds from the organization's treasury shall return
34 its surplus to its sponsoring organization;

35 (C) (i) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote the
36 success or defeat of any referendum question, which does not receive
37 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
38 its surplus to a party committee, to a political committee organized for
39 ongoing political activities, to a national committee of a political party,
40 to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of contribution,
41 to state or municipal governments or agencies or to any organization
42 which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the
43 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
44 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
45 amended. (ii) Each political committee formed solely to aid or promote
46 the success or defeat of any referendum question, which receives

47 contributions from a business entity or an organization, shall distribute
48 its surplus to all contributors to the committee on a prorated basis of
49 contribution, to state or municipal governments or agencies, or to any
50 organization which is tax-exempt under said provisions of the Internal
51 Revenue Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, a
52 committee formed for a single referendum shall not be required to
53 expend its surplus not later than ninety days after the referendum and
54 may continue in existence if a substantially similar referendum
55 question on the same issue will be submitted to the electorate within
56 six months after the first referendum. If two or more substantially
57 similar referenda on the same issue are submitted to the electorate,
58 each no more than six months apart, the committee shall expend such
59 surplus within ninety days following the date of the last such
60 referendum;

61 (D) The campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a
62 candidate who is elected to office may, upon the authorization of such
63 candidate, expend surplus campaign funds to pay for the cost of
64 clerical, secretarial or other office expenses necessarily incurred by
65 such candidate in preparation for taking office; except such surplus
66 shall not be distributed for the personal benefit of any individual or to
67 any organization; and

68 (E) The campaign treasurer of a candidate committee, or of a
69 political committee, other than a political committee formed for
70 ongoing political activities or an exploratory committee, shall, prior to
71 the dissolution of such committee, either (i) distribute any equipment
72 purchased, including, but not limited to, computer equipment, to any
73 recipient as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or (ii) sell
74 any equipment purchased, including but not limited to computer
75 equipment, to any person for fair market value and then distribute the
76 proceeds of such sale to any recipient as set forth in said subparagraph
77 (A)."